

## **DRAFT MINUTES/APPROVED**

North Haven Memorial Library Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 17, 2011

### ***Minutes***

Attendance: The meeting was called to order by Phyllis Kaercher at 7:30pm.

Present: Ruth Bryant, Kimberly Carew, Patricia Dortenzio, Michael Fletcher, John Graef, Phyllis Kaercher, Erin MacDonnell, Peter McPhedran. (Mary Ann Santora, Secretary)

Absent: Sarah Aziz, Lois Baldini, Jeanne Saldanha.

1. Phyllis Kaercher requested that the the minutes of the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting be accepted. Question by new board member Peter McPhedran regarding reason for coming in 3% under budget. P. Dortenzio explained that the change from LEAP to LION was a substantial savings; a personnel change and a new hire at a lower paid grade, and a decrease in the electric bill over the past few years made it possible. K. Carew requested a correction be made to the minutes regarding the wording surrounding D. Mautte in section 4 where it states "be presented" be changed to "proposed by". John Graef moved the minutes be accepted with the corrections, seconded by K. Carew.
2. Phyllis Kaercher asked that the Financial Statement be accepted. Motion by John Graef, seconded by Ruth Bryant.

P. Kaercher spoke about the article entitled "Libraries Writing New Chapter" by Tom Condon which was distributed to all Board Members. She touched on the importance of the library, especially in today's ever changing economy, and the importance of maintaining the existing staff and hours.

3. Old Business: none

4. New Business: Director's Report:

P. Dortenzio welcomed new Board member Dr. Peter McPhedran. He is a returning member and we are pleased to have him back on the Board.

P. Dortenzio informed the Board of the resignation of staff member Mary Ann Connors.

The transition to LION may happen as soon as May. The staff is working diligently to make the change as smooth as possible.

Budget: there is no information on the budget as of this time. There is a public hearing set for April 5<sup>th</sup>.

There has been no movement regarding the library union contract. They are still meeting.

Roof: The hole in the roof has been patched. The clamps from the roof sheared off during one of the many snow storms we had this winter. Several triangular pieces as well as long steel pieces were found outside the building. The First Selectman is aware of the problems surrounding the roof and is working hard to rectify them. He is currently looking into having canopies be installed over the entrances to the library. Also, due to the severity of the snow this year, one of the statues, the weed picker, is missing a leg. Dr. Millen has been notified and it will be repaired. A standpipe piece was also broken sometime during the winter and will need to be replaced.

Lois Baldini has sent a letter to Dorothy Mautte regarding Board's decision about her program on student financial aid.

Children's Librarian Pat LaTerza is planning her summer program which will be entitled: A to Z Around the World. She is currently collecting just about everything you can think of with a list of some specific items posted in the library. She has also scheduled 5 picnic and performances for Monday nights.

P. Kaercher and Kim Carew spoke of upcoming events from the Friends. There will be a book signing by Steve Darley on April 14<sup>th</sup> as well as a luncheon through Hospice regarding health care choices which will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

The book store continues to do extremely well. All are welcome to come to the Friends meeting. They are held monthly with the next scheduled meeting set for April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Barnes & Noble is hosting a book fair on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Just mention The North Haven Library when you're there and a percentage of the sales will be given to the library.

5. The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. Michael Fletcher moved that the meeting adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Kim Carew.